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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3382

I am deeply concerned about the irreparable harm that can come from this bill. I am not against commerce. I am deeply concerned about the loss of protections of our major estuaries. These areas are already under environmental stresses compounded by continued development adjacent to them. The current protections have been instrumental in preventing very large developments that would do irreparable harm to the estuaries but would also open the door for continued and neighboring developments without any end in sight. Where one development may seem innocuous but by allowing one, it opens the door to development of all that could destroy their natural contribution to our environment. This feels like a back-door way of allowing developments that otherwise were prevented from being built by saying that it would be helpful to other areas if allowed. Please do not remove Oregon's protections for these areas that really provide more to our natural environment than it appears. Once gone they can never be replaced.